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### Denzel Washington:(https://iamfearlesssoul.com)

Say thank you for grace, thank you for mercy, thank you for understanding, thank you for wisdom, thank you for parents, thank you for love, thank you for kindness, thank you for humility, thank you for peace, thank you for prosperity.

Say thank you in advance for what's already yours.

That's how I live my life, that's one of the reasons why I am where I am today.

Say thank you in advance for what is already yours.

Thank you THANK YOU THANK YOU.

Thank you for this day.

Thank you for every moment that led to this day.

Thank you for the hard times. They made me appreciate the good times.

Thank you for the lessons. They were needed for my development. Thank you for my eyes that get to witness the miracles of today and tomorrow. Thank you for everything I take for granted.

Thank you for all my blessings. Thank you for my drive. Thank you for my spirit. Thank you for my strength. Thank you for giving me the courage to fight through the hard times.

Thank you for the people in my life.

Those I love and those I learn from.

Thank you for it all. Thank you.

"Thank you"... It's The key that opens the door to instant happiness... Unlocks the door to everything we are really seeking in life. Happiness and contentment. Think about it... No matter what you say you want... Money, Riches, Health, To help others Why do you really want it?

When you drill deep down: The only reason anyone wants any THING, is the feeling WE BELIEVE we will get from having it.

That all boils down to happiness and contentment. And the truth is we can have it now IF WE ARE GRATEFUL.

And if you get quiet... Get away from the noise of the world, And think for a moment about what you could be grateful for, I'm sure you could find plenty.

Be grateful there is food on the table.

AIR IN YOUR LUNGS.

LIFE IN YOUR BODY.

Get grateful that you have opportunity. Opportunity to take your life to a whole 'nother level. To decide RIGHT NOW. That you are going to live your dreams and never settle until you do.

Get grateful for the mental strength you have been given to survive the hard times.

Get grateful for your limbs if you have them, many are not so blessed,

your eye sight of you have it, many are not so blessed,

your hearing if you have it many are not so blessed,

the health you DO HAVE, many are in worse positions.

Get grateful for that one person that has had an impact in your life, or many people if you are so blessed. Then get grateful you CAN CHOOSE to be that person for someone else, that one that makes a difference in someone else's life, no matter how small.

Get grateful you get to experience this magical universe.

Today look for miracles, I guarantee if you are looking you will see them.

There is unlimited things to be grateful for. Open your eyes. Unlock your amazing life. It's ready for you... right now.

Thank you for this day, whatever it brings, whether a challenge I need to grow, a line up to teach me patience, an unexpected blessing, every moment of joy, whatever TODAY brings: THANK YOU.



Whatever it brings I pray I have enough presence in each moment to know that no circumstance is my life,

no high or low, no event, NO-THING IS my life.

Life is energy and I know I'm so much more than my physical body.

Thank you for my ability to love.

To give to others my authentic love and kindness without expecting anything in return.

Thank you for my strength.

Thank you for my PRESENCE.

Thank you for my ability to attract only the things and people that are in harmony with what I need in my life.

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The Harvest Season Is Here.....Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!

Good and pleasant blessings to all of you who are my Savior's children. I greet you with the joy of Jesus Christ and pray that this article finds you in health and peace. I want to thank my God for each of you and for your continued prayers and power as we move forward in a backwards world. I equally want to encourage you that as we face the challenges of today, tomorrow and days ahead, whatever they may be, just remember that "with God all things are possible".

We certainly take this time to reflect on the 130<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversay that God allowed us to experience. Such a sea of "blue" sitting in that wonderful sanctuary was one of the most glorious sites to behold. It was a blessing to lay eyes upon you all, both those members who'd been away for a while and those who we have seen on a consistent basis! To all of our "rocks" whom we recognized and those who had representation there, you have seen Grace go through its patches and rise to its praise. You have helped and held the standard of Christendom in our congregation and we just want to take this time once again and say "THANK YOU and WE LOVE YOU".

We have also celebrated the times of those who are survivors of breast cancer. We purposely made sure that we reminded all of our congregants that we celebrate any other "overcomers" who have been delivered through their trials. This body continues to pray for your recovery and that you continue to be that light of hope to others in our immediate locale.

Well, Grace the "holidays" have arrived and we certainly have much to be thankful for. We can start just simply by thanking God in Christ for who He is. The scriptures says that "in all things give thanks, for this is the will of God for you and your life". We give thanks for the small things, we give thanks for the medium things, we give thanks for the large things. Whatever it may be, we give thanks. So as we enter this season remember to just "give thanks".

We have had to undergo a series of transitions of many of our longtime members and relatives. Words cannot express in fullest details of how I wished that, at every one of those services, I could take away the pain and possible disappointment. But I had to realize that I was not God and never will be God. So all I can say and do is pray for you and at least bring

you a little "sum t'eat" as we say down south. We love you and all of us want you to know that we are with you.

Let us not forget our Fall Revival as we seek to plant the seeds of "Phire in Philly".

Grace, I really want to let you know that we are becoming what God desires us to be and that is to be a place of HOPE. Hope Happens Here.

May the Lord be with you all. Take some time to enjoy one another and smell the roses.

Pastor J. Henry Buck, Jr.









From the keyboard of the editor

Happy November, Grace! Isn't God Awesome?! He has kept us through 2022 thus far, and here we are in the season of

Thanksgiving. I think many of us (I am, for sure) are thinking about the ingathering of family and loved ones and rejoicing that this year we can come together physically, as we haven't been able to for more than two

years. While some places at our tables will be empty this year because of our loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord, we can rejoice that they are in their new home and completely at peace. Can you imagine that celebration? Just a silly thought... who prepares that feast and the table setting for all those who sit at the Welcome Table????

That thought came as I thought about all that needs doing to prepare our homes and hearts for the upcoming holidays. Thank God, we are able to be inside our church home for holiday activities this year. There are several upcoming events.

Get ready for our FALL REVIVAL. This year we can come out to the sanctuary and be a part of the revival or we can watch virtually. On Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., Rev. G.

Lamar Stewart, Sr., Pastor of Taylor Memorial Baptist Church, will conduct our annual Youth Revival. All ages from 1 to 99 are welcome! On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., our own Minister Jeanine Watson will be the Revivalist. Two very familiar faces will wrap up our Revival this year. On Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., our former Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Quintin Robertson of United Lutheran Seminary, will be with us. On Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Rev. Merle D. McJunkin, our former Assistant Pastor, now Senior Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church of Bedford Hills, NY, will be our closing Revivalist. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Robertson and Rev. Mc Junkin back "Home" as we extend a "Welcome" to all our friends and neighbors! Let's be sure that we are here to welcome them and to enjoy the rain (reign) that the Holy Spirit will pour on us.

Yes, Lisa, we will be doing Thanksgiving baskets this year. Traditionally, we prepare fruit baskets for our sick and shut-in members. This year, while we will continue to prepare those fruit baskets, a limited number of boxes with fixings for the Thanksgiving meal, including the Turkey, will be available to our members and community members on a first come basis. Here are the rules for this:

- 1. You need to register by NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> after morning worship to receive the box.
- You need to pick up the box on NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> after morning worship. We love you and want you to enjoy this gift, but our God wants us to do things in decency and order.
- 3. Please don't register for a box, if you don't really need or want it. You decide, but think of others.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the first floor office on the counter. It will be there until November 13<sup>th</sup> after morning worship service. I need to know how many people will take advantage of this so that we can have the boxes ready for you to pick up on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Do you remember the Advent Boxes that we did last year? Well, we will be doing those again. Last year, we prepared over 30 boxes for those with food challenges...and that was during the Pandemic! We even had enough left-overs to add to our own Food Pantry! Yes, God is an awesome God! He uses us as His Hands and Feet to care for His children, our brothers and sisters! He tells us that we are our brother's keeper, so let's be about it. We will have empty boxes available right after Thanksgiving. The list of items follows on the next page.

We are asking that you submit the names of people that you know who are dealing with food challenges. Please submit their contact information by dropping it in the box marked "Advent Box" in the Narthex or by putting it in the Board of Christian Education Mailbox in the

first floor office. We need to know how to get in touch with them to deliver the box or have them pick it up.

If you or the organization(s) you belong to would like to prepare a box, simply give me a call and let me know (215)849-7155.

I am not a last minute person, so thinking ahead to the celebration of our Lord's birth, which falls on a Sunday this year, we (BOCE) have planned several events and we want you know about them early enough to plan to join in.

On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., we will be "Decking The Halls"...that's the "Olde English" way of saying we'll be putting up our Christmas decorations in the church. Yes, there's a lot to do because we have a big church. Many hands make light work... translation? We need people to help with the decorating. Can you tie a bow? Hang a wreath? Put ornaments on a tree? WE NEED YOU.

On Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., we will distribute our "Advent Boxes". Boxes may be picked up in the Education Building.

Our "Celebration of Christ" will continue on Saturday afternoon, Christmas Eve, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a Birthday Party for Jesus for our children in the Social Hall. We have volunteers who will supervise the children and activites, though parents may stay if they wish and join us for caroling after the party.

On Christmas Eve, we will have a Candlelight Carol Sing at 5:00 p.m.. The entire church is invited to join with members of neighboring churches and the community to



This was fun last year (even though it was cold!) as we were joined by several members from other churches and denominations. We sang, we drank hot chocolate, and we fellowshipped as we thanked God for His Precious Gift to us. After all, Jesus is the real Reason for the Season and it's His Birthday. Come join us as we rejoice in the Birth of Our Savior!

And, yes, there will be an awesome Sunday morning service on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.!

Please DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE. God holds us responsible for the welfare of the place in which we live. See Jeremiah 29!

Be safe out there. Get prepared, health wise, to protect yourself from flu and all those other nasty bugs. We love being able to come together as a household of faith, so stay well! Peace and Blessings,

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### **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX. ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A FOOD BANK or FAMILY IN NEED.

December 1 - box of cereal December 2 - peanut butter **December 3 - stuffing mix December 4 - boxed potatoes** December 5 - macaroni and cheese December 6 - canned fruit December 7 - canned tomatoes December 8 - canned tuna December 9 - dessert mix December 10 - jar of applesauce December 11 - canned sweet potatoes December 12 - cranberry sauce December 13 - canned beans December 14 - box of crackers December 15 - package of rice December 16 - package of oatmeal December 17 - package pasta December 18 - spaghetti sauce December 19 - chicken noodle soup December 20 - tomato soup December 21 - can corn December 22 - can mixed vegetables December 23 - can carrots December 24 - can green beans PASSIONATEPENNYPINCHER.COM

### Sick & Shut-in List - 10/28/22

### **OUR KNOWN SICK AND SHUT-INS:**

Dr. K. Wesley Alford Mrs. Dorothy Allen Ms. Joyce Allen Deacon Robert Berkley Mrs. Luvonia Bivens Ms. Dolores J. Bouldin Mrs. Mary Bush Mr. Leonard Carter Mrs. Shirley Carter Trustee Em. Ruben & Mrs. Evelyn Collins Mrs. Claudia Cuyler Mrs. Juanita Dade Mrs. Carol Dalev Trustee Em. Sidney Estes Mrs. Liller B. Green Mrs. Brenda Hinson Mrs. Clara Huggins Mrs. Barbara Hutchinson Mrs. Florence Jenkins Mrs. Deborah Steward-Johnson Mrs. Jacqueline Johnson Mrs. Patricia Lomax Mrs. Jacqueline (Garden) Marshall Ms. Celesta McLean Mr. James Napoleon Mr. Joseph Norman Mrs. Florence Palmer Ms. Ida Reeder Mrs. Dorothy Wint-Ryan Miss Aileen K. Scroggins Mrs. Beulah Steward Mrs. Virginia Thomas Mrs. Hazel Turner Ms. Alice Whitaker Ms. Saundra White Mrs. Catherine Willie Ms. Audrey Wright

### OUR NURSING HOME & REHABILITATION RESIDENTS:

Mrs. Helene Morris, **Atria -Center City,** Room 214, 150 N 20<sup>th</sup> St. (03)

Trustee Em. Kenneth Jackson, Sr. Complete Rehab at Harston Hall

Mrs. Pearl Montgomery, <u>Genesis Healthcare Nursing &</u> <u>Rehab</u>

Deacon Em. William Ballou, Jr., <u>Germantown Home</u> Mrs. Ruth Garrison, <u>Embassy of Ivy Hill</u>, Ms. Ellen Corbett, <u>Phoebe Wyncote</u> Mr. George Beach, <u>ProMedica Total Rehab+</u>, Mr. Christopher and Mrs.Ludell Roberts, <u>Springfield</u> <u>Crossings Rehab and Health Care.</u> Deacon Jennifer Gerald, **Springfield Senior Living Community** (Cards/ Mailing sent to 1020 Woodland Ave. East Norriton, PA 19403) Ms. Keisha Way, <u>Towne Manor East</u>,

### PRAYER LIST:

Ms. Linda Lawrence, sister, of Mrs. Barbara Autry Mr. Kevin Barlow, son of Mrs. Cora P. Barlow Ms. Annette M. Jackson and Mrs. Shirley Macon, sisters of Mrs. Cora Barlow and Mrs. Theresa Smith Ms. Joanne Evans, friend of Mrs. Patricia Beach Ms. Karen Beyers and Mr. Eugene Beyers Ms. Norma Birckett Mrs. Shyolanda Nichols-Brown of Denver, CO Ms. Juan Clairbourne of Las Vegas, NV, cousin of Rev. Dr. J. Henry Buck, Jr. Aeesha Butts, mother and Teesha Butts, daughter Ms. Janey Martin, mother of Mrs. Betty J. Coleman Mr. Robert Corbett. brother of Mr. Fred Corbett & Ms. Ellen Corbett Ms. Elizabeth Corbett Mrs. Helena Dennis, 125 E. McIver Road, Darlington, SC 29532, mother of Ms. Lisa Dennis Mrs. Mildred Elliott Mr. Willie Evans, father, Ms. Tiffany Evans Mrs. Parthenia Gardner, sister and Mr. Tyrone Randolph, son of Mrs. Geraldine V. Gilmore Mrs. Geraldine V. Gilmore Mrs. Caroline McClain of Raeford, NC, sister of Ms. Vera Graham Mr. Dana McLaurin. **nephew** of Ms. Barbara Johnson Mrs. Christina Pleasants-Johnson Mr. Christopher H. Vinson, son of Mrs. Geraldine Lamar Ms. Yvonne Love, sister of Ms. Vinnette Love Mrs. Florence Lucas, sister-in-law, Mr. Robert Lucas, brother and Mrs. Dorothy Ripley, sister of Trustee William & Adele Lucas Mr. Roger Lee Jenkins (NC), uncle and Ms. Yolanda Bailey, cousin of Deacon Prince & Lorraine Massey Rev. Victoria Monts and Master Joshua Monts Mrs. Michelle McDowell The Moody Family Mrs. Marlene Patterson Ms. Alice Vaughn (GA), niece and Mrs. Vira Dennis, friend of Rev. Arnold C. Storr Mr. Vito Scutti Mrs. Matilda Simmons, sister of Ms. Alice Whitaker & Mr. Landon Whitby Mrs. Lisa Williams, wife of Mr. Anthony Williams Mrs. Ellen L. Williams Mrs. Mae F. Williams

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# **Resources And Community Events**

Friday, October 28, 2022

Dear Friend,

Attached are some workforce development opportunities, including an engineering speed networking and hiring event and an energy career fair. There are also some great resources like the Deed Fraud Guard from the Department of Records and Lyft, who are providing access to free or discounted transportation to get to the polls on November 8th.

Please pass this information on to anyone who may find it beneficial!

In service,

Katherine Gilmore Richardson Councilmember At-Large

> Will you need a ride to the polls on Election Day?? Thanks to Lyft Philadelphians will have access to free or discounted transportation to get to the polls on November 8th!



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Happy Thanksgiving, Grace!